MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*) : The *statement is laid on the table.

Attingal Munsiff's Court.

435 ***MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI** : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of suits filed in the Attingal Munsiff's Court from each pakuthi under its jurisdiction from the year 1110 ?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI : The †statement is laid on the table.

Palmyra Fibre.

436 ***MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR** : Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of raw palmyra fibre imported into Travancore from British India during the last five years ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR :

Year.	Quantity in Cwts.
1111	18,451
1112	29,102
1113	15,200
1114	15,211
1115	31,639

Price of rice.

437 ***MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN** : Will the Government be pleased to state the steps they have taken to keep down the price of rice and to see that there will not be shortage of rice ?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR : With the aid of reports and weekly reviews of the prices prevailing in different centres of the State. Government have been periodically fixing the maximum prices for different varieties of imported rice based on the ruling market prices at Cochin.

2. Complaints of profiteering on the part of merchants having come to the notice of Government, Press Notes were issued warning the public against alarming reports and at the same time reminding the merchants that in cases of profiteering Government will be forced to take steps in accordance with the Defence of Travancore Rules.

3. Government have also stocked some rice both from Burma and South Indian Districts and these are available for sale to the public at reasonable rates.

4 Export of paddy and rice from the State on a commercial basis has been restricted in order to prevent abnormal rise in prices.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN May I know whether any steps are being taken to issue all this rice in view of the present war condition prices ?

**Vide* Appendix IV. page 990.
†*Vide* Appendix V. pages 991 and 992.

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MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR : Arrangements are being made.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know whether the price of rice was kept down in the beginning of the war because of the imported Government rice?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR : Yes, Sir.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pathanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) May I know whether any representation from the people of Shencotta was received saying that there the problem of the supply of paddy is different from the problem elsewhere in Travancore and they are seriously handicapped by the restrictions imposed?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR : No, Sir.

PRESIDENT : Personal representations were received so far as I know and no other representations were made.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR : May I inform the honourable member that representations were made in writing.

Price of paddy and rice.

438 *MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the price of paddy and rice is rising day by day;

(*b*) whether they are taking any steps to prevent this abnormal rise; and

(*c*) if so, what those steps are?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR : (*a*) There has been a gradual increase in price in consonance with the market price at Cochin and British India.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Attention is invited to the Government Press Notes dated 1st May on the subject. Necessary instructions have been issued to the Police Officers and the situation is being closely watched.

Travancore University Examinations.

439 * MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list showing the number of students presented and the percentage of passes (with class or distinction if any) for the Public Examinations held by the Travancore University in 1116 from the different colleges affiliated to the University?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL : The *list asked for is laid on the table.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN : Sir, from the list given I find that the results in the Government Colleges are very poor when compared with the results in the private colleges. For example, the percentage of passes in the Intermediate Examination in the College of Arts and in the College of Science is 42·9 and 43·3 respectively, while in the Union Christian College, Alwaye, C. M. S. College, Kottayam, and the Scott Christian College, Nagercoil, the percentages are said to be 55·5, 42·3 and 47·5 per cent respectively. Similarly for the B. A. Examination the College of Arts has only a 50 per cent pass while the

*Vide Appendix VI. pages 993 and 994.

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